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Title: Regarding releasing amount by the Central Government for speedy completion of drinking water projects under the National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP) in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR): Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

The Government of Tamil Nadu under the dynamic leadership of our hon. Chief Minister, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is committed to provide piped water supply to all rural habitations. To fulfill this objective, a large number of works have been taken up in Tamil Nadu under the National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP).

In 2015-16 under the National Rural Drinking Water Program, 99 projects including 79 Combined Water Supply Schemes (CWSS) have been taken up. An amount of Rs. 2,405.18 crore is required to complete these projects.

As per the guidelines of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme, the share of the State amounts to Rs.1340.94 crore while the share of the Government of India works out to be Rs.1064.24 crore. But only a sum of Rs.138.01 crore has been allocated by the Union Government so far. Our hon. Chief Minister has requested the Union Government to provide a special assistance of Rs.926.23 crore to enable speedy completion of drinking water projects, benefiting the rural population of Tamil Nadu.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to release an amount of Rs.926.23 crore to enable speedy completion of drinking water projects under the National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP) in Tamil Nadu.